

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2012-2013**

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

**Department/Agency: Australian Electoral Commission**

**Outcome/Program:**

**Topic:** Contracts – Federal Election Printing

**Senator: Xenophon**

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**Question:**

I understand that the contract for the 2012 printing associated with the Federal election (including for ballot papers) and related materials has been awarded. Regarding contracts relevant to the upcoming federal election, including contracts awarded in 2012 to date:

- a) Are there specifications in these contracts that Australian made paper must be used?
- b) Were the contracts awarded to an Australian company?

**Answer:**

The AEC conducts its procurements in accordance with the mandatory *Commonwealth Procurement Rules 2012* (CPRs), which:

- mandate a non-discriminatory procurement framework (see paragraphs 4.4.a and 5.3), and
- incorporate relevant international obligations that Australia has under a range of bilateral free trade arrangements (see paragraph 2.15).

More specifically, under the CPRs the AEC is unable to discriminate against international suppliers (see paragraph 5.3) or require or refer to a specific origin of supplies (see paragraph 10.10).

Accordingly:

- a) None of the contracts relating to Federal Election Printing specify that Australian made paper must be used.
- b) As identified in the table below, the contracts relating to Federal Election Printing are with Australian companies, partnerships with a main business location in Australia or the Northern Territory Government Printing Office. The relevant suppliers were awarded contracts as they were evaluated as offering best value for money to the AEC.

<b>Contract</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>ABN/ACN</b>
Provision of Printing of Ballot papers (HoR & Senate) Contract (NSW/ACT)	Blue Star Group P/L <i>(Australian Company)</i>	ABN:58 000 205 210 ACN: 000 205 210
Printing Services for Certified Lists Contract (Vic part)	Alois Babicka & Peter Pawelzig T/as SNAP Printing <i>(Partnership with main business location in VIC)</i>	ABN:37 418 896 718
Printing Services for Certified Lists Contract (SA, Tas, Vic)	McPhersons Printing Pty Ltd <i>(Australian Company)</i>	ABN:36 004 911 308 ACN: 004 911 308
Printing Services for Certified Lists Contract (Qld part)	Sema Operations Pty Ltd <i>(Australian Company)</i>	ABN:30 158 886 741 ACN: 158 886 741
Provision of Printing of Ballot papers (HoR & Senate) Contract (Qld)	Geon Australia Pty Ltd <i>(Australian Company)</i>	ABN:73 096 088 854 ACN: 096 088 854
Provision of Printing of Ballot papers Senate Contract (WA)	Geon Australia Pty Ltd <i>(Australian Company)</i>	ABN:73 096 088 854 ACN: 096 088 854
Provision of Printing of Ballot papers HoR Contract (Vic)	Blue Star Group (Vic) P/L <i>(Australian Company)</i>	ABN:53 004 125 231 ACN: 004 125 231
Provision of Printing of Ballot papers Senate Contract (Vic)	Finsbury Green Pty Ltd <i>(Australian Company)</i>	ABN:52 007 743 151 ACN: 007 743 151
Provision of Printing of Ballot papers HoR Contract (WA)	Zipform Pty Ltd <i>(Australian Company)</i>	ABN:43 009 242 415 ACN: 009 242 415
Provision of Printing of Ballot papers – SA	Lane Bros Printers Pty Ltd <i>(Australian Company)</i>	ABN: 38 007 634 111 ACN: 007 634 111
Provision of Declaration Envelopes Contract	Camerons Envelopes Business Forms Partnership <i>(Partnership with main business location in NSW)</i>	ABN:81 898 535 155
Printing Packaging & Distribution of Householder leaflet Contract	PMP Print Pty Ltd <i>(Australian Company)</i>	ABN:76 051 706 499 ACN: 051 706 499
Provision of Printing of Ballot papers (HoR & Senate) Contract (Tas)	Geon Australia Pty Ltd <i>(Australian Company)</i>	ABN:73 096 088 854 ACN: 096 088 854
Provision of Ballot Paper and Associated Printing - NT	Colemans Printing Pty Ltd <i>(Australian Company)</i>	ABN: 71 111 847 799 ACN:111 847 799 Tojumi Trust
Printing services for Certified Lists in NT	NT Government Printing Office	
Printing services for Certified Lists in WA	Fineline Print & Copy Services Pty Ltd <i>(Australian Company)</i>	ABN: 50 009 357 984 ACN: 009 357 984
Printing services for Certified Lists - ACT/part NSW	Computershare Communication Services Pty Ltd <i>(Australian Company)</i>	ABN: 76 007 153 184 ACN: 007 153 184
Printing/Mailhouse/Fulfilment Services	CanPrint Communications <i>(Australian Company)</i>	ABN:65 079 915 932 ACN: 079 915 932
Printing & Binding & Distribution – Division Finders	Union Pty Ltd <i>(Australian Company)</i>	ACN:053 281 084